



Fr. Christopher is the rector of the St. Nicholas Serbian Orthodox Church. A graduate of Duquesne University in Pittsburgh, PA, where he earned a Bachelor of the Arts in Psychology and an English Literature Certificate, Fr. Chris loves to engage with the icons of Christ within each person he encounters.

During his undergraduate studies, Fr. Chris was a recipient of the Tamburitzan Scholarship, and performed with the Duquesne University Tamburitzans. After his undergraduate studies, with the blessing of His Grace, Bishop MITROPHAN, he attended St. Vladimir's Orthodox Theological Seminary in Crestwood, NY, where he attained the degree of Master of Divinity, specializing in Pastoral Theology and Scriptural Studies, and recorded three albums for the famed SVS Octet. Fr. Chris has always believed that one can find the "Truth" of

Christ in surprising places in the world--especially in literature. While at St. Vladimir's, Fr. Chris began researching Christ Figures in Tolkien's "The Lord of the Rings."

Fr. Christopher met his dear wife, Popadija Andreja, at a Serbian Orthodox Young Adult Conference in Los Angeles, CA. A few short years later, they were married at St. Steven's Serbian Orthodox Cathedral in Alhambra, CA. God has blessed their marriage three times over now, with their daughters, Marijana and Makrina, and their son, Marko.

God has blessed Fr. Chris with a love for music—especially liturgical music. He has offered that love as the choir director for the St. Sava Choir, McKeesport, PA, the St. Vladimir's Seminary Male Choir, Mixed Choir, and Octet, the Westchester Concert Singers (assistant to the director), the St. Steven's Choir of Alhambra, CA, and the Pan-Orthodox Choir of the Orthodox Council of Churches in South Central PA.

His Grace Bishop Dr. Mitrophan of Eastern America ordained Fr. Christopher to the Holy Priesthood at his home parish of St. Sava in McKeesport, PA on August 22, 2010. For the next three years, he would serve the parish of Holy Resurrection in Lebanon, PA, under the beneficial guidance of His Grace and Fr. Srboljub Jockovic, Dean of the Washington Deanery.

He also maintains positions with the Diocesan Administrative Board and Diocesan Council as Secretary, Co-Chairperson of the Diocesan Education Commission, Treasurer of the Orthodox Council of Churches of South Central Pennsylvania, Facilitator of Clergy Peer Groups, and Concert Director of the SSS Josif Marinkovich.

Since 2013, Fr. Christopher humbly serves the faithful of St. Nicholas Serbian Orthodox Church in Steelton.